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October 1, 2023.

Subject(s)**AAM 640, Post Place - Use of the Adoption/Guardianship
Medical Subsidy Program**

1. Title of policy changed to Use of the Adoption/Guardianship Medical Subsidy Program.

Reason: The medical subsidy program also includes guardians who have a medical subsidy agreement with the Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Office (AGAO).

2. The adoption medical subsidy program assists with respite services for a child who has been certified for a physical, mental health or emotional condition by the AGAO. Respite is intended to provide the adoptive parent(s)/guardian(s) with restorative time away and the adoptive child a break from their routine schedule to support the well-being of the family. Respite requires written prior approval by the AGAO.

Reason: Implementation of state's respite program for foster parents, unlicensed relatives and families who qualify for post adoption services.

3. Clarification of using available services.
 - Adoption medical subsidy is intended to assist with payment of necessary services related to the treatment of a physical, mental health or emotional condition certified by the AGAO.
 - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) must not make a medical subsidy payment unless all other available public money and third-party payment, such as Medicaid, Children's Special Health Care Services, and private insurance have been exhausted. The medical subsidy program is the payer of last resort MCL 400.115h.
 - The adoption medical subsidy program does not reimburse adoptive parent(s)/guardian(s) or a member of the household for providing treatment/services to their own adopted child.

Reason: Highlighting for the purpose of understanding guidelines of usage of services through the AGAO.

4. Updates to prior authorization criteria for accessing medical subsidy services, hyperlink corrections/additions, grammatical changes, and policy contact information.

Reason: Recommendation from the AGAO.

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